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| SATEMENT & TO | PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  | s are required to respond to a collection of information unin | Docket Number (Optional)  ART9901 |
|               | In re Application of Pierre Hilaire  |   |                                   |
|               |  | Application Number 09/405,946                                 | Filed<br>September 27, 1999       |
|               | For Valved Connector with Closure Operated by Axial Movement of the Valve  |   |                                   |
|               |  | Group Art Unit 3763   | Examiner Manuel Mendez            |
|               | This is a request under the provisions of reply in the above identified application.   | 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for                      |                                   |
|               | The requested extension and appropriate (check time period desired):   | e non-small-entity fee are as follows                         | TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700           |
|               | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)  | )(1))   | \$                                |
|               | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a  |   | \$<br>\$ 930.00                   |
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|               | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(  |   | \$                                |
|               | Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$_465.00  A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  |   |                                   |
|               | Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.   |   |                                   |
|               | The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number  I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet. |   |                                   |
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|               | assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).  |   |                                   |
|               | attorney or agent of record.  attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  |   |                                   |
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